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1-1. Establishment of the Council.

1-101. There is established the Inter-agency Coordinating Council.

1-102. The Council shall be composed of the heads of the following agencies, or a designated representative, and such others as the President may designate:

- (a) Department of the Treasury
- (b) Department of Justice
- (c) Department of the Interior
- (d) Department of Agriculture
- (e) Department of Commerce
- (f) Department of Labor
- (g) Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
- (h) Department of Housing and Urban Development
- (i) Department of Transportation
- (j) Department of Energy
- (k) Environmental Protection Agency
- (l) Community Services Administration
- (m) General Services Administration
- (n) Small Business Administration
- (o) ACTION

1-103. The President shall designate the Chairperson of the Council.

1-2. Functions of the Council.

1-201. The Council shall work with Executive agencies to involve all sectors of the Nation, including State, county and local governments, regional bodies, the private sector, neighborhood groups, and volunteer and civic associations, in a partnership to conserve and strengthen America's communities.

1-202. The Council shall facilitate cooperation and coordination of urban and regional policy implementation among and between Executive agencies.

1-203. The Council shall assist Executive agencies in coordinating timely responses to State, county and local government and community development strategies.

1-204. The Council shall identify and seek to solve interagency and intergovernmental problems which impede the effective functioning of the Federal system.

1-205. The functions of the Council shall neither substitute for nor replace Executive Office of the President clearance, review and decisionmaking procedures.

1-3. Administrative Provisions.

1-301. Executive agencies shall cooperate with and assist the Council in performing its functions.

1-302. The Chairperson shall be responsible for providing the Council with such administrative services or support as may be necessary or appropriate.

1-303. The Chairperson may establish working groups or subcommittees of the Council. The Chairman may invite representatives of nonmember agencies to participate from time to time in the functions of the Council.

1-304. The Chairperson shall report to the President on the performance of the Council's functions.

JIMMY CARTER

The White House,
August 16, 1978.

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Central Intelligence Agency

*Remarks to Agency Employees.
August 16, 1978*

Admiral Turner and distinguished leaders, members of the Central Intelligence Agency:

It is a pleasure for me to be back out here to meet with you and to express again my feelings about our Nation and about what you do to protect it and to

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make it even greater than it already is. A year and a half I was here for my first visit, the time of the swearing-in ceremony of the Director, Admiral Stan Turner.

I've told many groups that one of the most pleasant surprises that I have had as President of our country has been the quality of work done by the Central Intelligence Agency, and I want to thank you for that. You've made my job easier. The decisions that I must make on a daily basis require objective and accurate, unbiased analyses of very complicated issues. It's difficult for someone in my position to distinguish between the appearance of things and the actual facts, the reality of them. And you do a superb job in trying to bring to me and others who make opinions and then make decisions about what our Nation should do in the pursuit of our own goals and purposes, in the enhancement of our own ideals and principles.

In the last number of years, the purpose of the CIA has been changing. Your assignment is different now from what it was. There was a time not too long ago when your almost unique responsibility was to assess the activities and the potential activities of the Soviet Union. That, obviously, is still one of the important assignments that you have. But now your duties extend to the analysis of almost every region of the world, almost every country on Earth, our close allies and friends. We need to understand their special problems, their special opportunities, how we can work better with them, the attitude of their people; to study food production, agriculture, forestry, economics, mining, labor, a very, very complicated, very diverse analysis problem for you all.

I know the heroism demonstrated by many of you. Nathan Hale, who is recognized here and who died, I believe, 202

years ago, said, "My only regret is that I have only one life to give for my country." Behind me in this auditorium are commemorated 35 agents of the CIA who have given their lives for the service of our country, not adequately recognized for heroism, some not even recognized by name, 17 of them. Their names are not even known or revealed, because they lost their lives for our country in clandestine operations. But all of you represent the attitude and the commitment, the willingness to sacrifice, the patriotism of those who gave the supreme sacrifice.

I think the relations between the CIA and the American public have been substantially improved in recent months. The relationship between the CIA and the Congress has been substantially improved in recent months. Some who have been here for many, many years have had an inclination to be concerned about the increased openness, the willingness of Stan Turner and myself to let the American people know who you are, what you do, some aspects of your work which don't violate security of our country, and there's a growing appreciation for what this agency does, what you individually do for our Nation.

But there is a conflict with which you need to help me, and that is the balancing between legitimate openness which enhances your work and protects the interest of our country on one hand, and the careful preservation of security, the non-revelation of secrets which you hold which can be very damaging to our Nation if revealed. It takes intelligence, it takes sound judgment, it takes common sense to draw that distinction. But those are characteristics which you exhibit very well every day.

I'd like to say in closing that I appreciate what you are, what you do, the high professionalism, training, education, experience that you bring to your job and

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which you demonstrate every day with your good work, the honesty and integrity that you present to me and to your other superiors, to the Congress, to the public for critical examination.

You almost are in the position of being like Caesar's wife; you have to be even more pure and more clean and more decent and more honest than almost any persons who serve in government, because the slightest mistake on your part is highly publicized and greatly magnified, whereas your great achievements and successes quite often are not publicized and are not recognized, and they certainly are never exaggerated.

I'm glad that we have this partnership. There is now a stability in the CIA which has been brought by Admiral Turner and joined by Frank Carlucci¹ that I hope will permeate your lives for many months, many years to come.

There have been too many shocks, too many rapid changes in the past, but the policies that have now been established by Executive order, by sound decisions, by cooperation, and in the future by law, will give you a much surer sense of what the future will bring, will liberate you individually, in effect, to make your own beneficial impact in our country be even greater. I know how serious uncertainty is in a person's life.

We've assigned to the CIA, because we trust you, additional responsibilities for tasking the entire intelligence network, for preparing the budget under close supervision, for better coordination among the different agencies that have a contribution to make to security. And I am very pleased and very confident that this new assignment of authority and responsibility will be borne by you equally as well as you have demonstrated your ability to carry out functions of supreme importance to our country in the past.

¹ Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

So, as President of our Nation, as a partner with you in creating a better nation in the future, I express my thanks to you for a superb job and my confidence that you and I, Director Turner, and others can do even better in the future.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:08 p.m. outside the main entrance of the Headquarters Building in Langley, Va. Following his remarks, he attended two briefings given by CIA personnel.

National Hispanic Heritage Week, 1978

Proclamation 4585. August 17, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The Hispanic heritage of 16 million Americans is an essential part of our identity as a nation, and of our role as a leader among nations. As we reflect upon the countless historical, cultural, and scientific contributions that Hispanics have made to the development of our country, I want to reaffirm my commitment to ensuring the full participation of our Hispanic citizens in all levels of our society and government.

Americans have had a unique opportunity to appreciate the values of a broad diversity of cultures and the contribution each makes to our democratic and pluralistic society.

As we reach beyond our national borders to advocate the cause of human rights, we must increasingly look to our own Hispanic community as one of our primary sources of advice and counsel, particularly in the development of our relations with other nations of the western hemisphere.